DIEU ET MON DROIT

At the Court at *Whitehall* the 25. of *June*, 1667.

Preſent

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York	*Earl of* Lauderdaill
His Highneſs Prince Rupert	*Lord Viſcount* Fitzharding
Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury	*Lord* Arlington
Lord Chancellor	*Lord* Berkeley
Duke of Albemarle	*Lord* Aſhley
Lord Chamberlain	*Mr. Comptroller*
Earl of Bridgewater	*Mr. Vice-Chamberlain*
Earl of Berkſhire	*Mr. Secretary* Morice
Earl of Angleſey	*Mr. Chancellor of the* Dutchy
Earl of Craven	*Sir* William Coventry

Sir John Duncombe.

WHereas it is generally Reported, That many Seamen and Soldiers who have ſerved his Majeſty at Sea, are frequently conſtrained to give money, or loſe ſome part of their wages to recover the reſt: Which Reports being of great prejudice to His Majeſties ſervice; And the Treaſurer of His Majeſties Navy having uſed all poſſible means to diſcover and prevent all ſuch Abuſes, as appeareth by ſeveral publique Advertiſements by him affixed at Weſtminſter-Hall Gate, and other publique places; His Majeſty thereupon out of His tender Care of thoſe His Subjects who have ſo faithfully ſerved Him, and for the more effectual Redreſs of any Abuſes which are, or have been committed in Exacting upon the ſaid Seamen and Soldiers, hath appointed

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to ſit in the Council-Chamber as a Committee, to receive and hear all ſuch Complaints as any Seaman, or Soldier imployed at Sea, can make of any Exaction practiſed upon them by any the Officers, Sub-Officers, or Clerks in the Office of the Principal Officers of His Majeſties Navy, or of the Treaſury of the Navy. Whereof all perſons concerned are to take notice, and they that have juſt reaſon to complain of any ſuch ill uſage, may from time to time repair to the Council-Chamber at Whitehall, and there put into the hands of the Clerk of the Council attending, their Complaint in Writing, With a Note upon the ſame, Where the party complaining inhabits, or may be found; To the end that if the ſame do appear to be true, due ſatisfaction may be given them, and Juſtice done upon thoſe who have injured them.

RICHARD BROWNE.

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